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► Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke holds her gold medal after winning the women's superpipe event at the Winter X Games 13 at Buttermilk Ski Area, near Aspen, Colo., on Jan. 23, 2009. Burke died from injuries sustained in a crash last week in Utah, her family confirmed Thursday. She was 29. Story, page 10.

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Canadian skier dies in hospital

Search HEATs up for suspect

- Steven Douglas Skinner one of 10 on new police wanted list
- Residents reminded not to approach individuals, but call police



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The HEAT is on for 10 more of the municipality's alleged criminals. Halifax police have released their most recent HEAT list, and among the wanted is Steven Douglas Skinner, who has evaded officers for more than five months after being charged with second-degree murder following a shooting last year.

The 38-year-old mixed-martial-arts fighter was charged following the death of 20-year-old Stacey Adams in April.

Adams was gunned down near a home on Shadewell Lane in Lake Echo, and police issued a Canada-wide arrest warrant for Skinner a few months later in July.

This is the fourth HEAT list, which is released by Halifax police every few months in an effort to catch people with outstanding



► Steven Douglas Skinner is wanted for murder and assault with a weapon.

arrest warrants.

Spokesman Const. Brain Palmer said police do not know whether Skinner is in the area.

"But we would suspect that there are people out there who know where he is," he said.

The last list, released in September, led to seven arrests, he said.

Also on HEAT list

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- Joshua Christopher Benoit
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- Corey James Boyle
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- Clarence Dewitt Carvery
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- Jagjit Singh Gill
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Union, vets urge Tories not to slash funding

► Veterans Affairs Canada plans to cut more than \$226 million from its budget over next two years, says MP Peter Stoffer



► Yvan Thauvette, left, president of the Union of Veterans Affairs Employees, talks with MP Peter Stoffer before a press conference regarding cuts at Veterans Affairs Canada at the Westin Nova Scotian hotel on Thursday.

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Wayne Finn says cutting employees from Veterans Affairs Canada will heighten what is already an "extremely stressful" process.

Finn, who served in the navy for 30 years, said the department's services are already difficult to navigate and the cutbacks will only make it harder for former military members to receive services.

"To take all those peo-

ple out of the system is just going to make the system harder to get through," said Finn at a press conference held Thursday in Halifax by the Union of Veterans' Affairs Employees.

"It's so stressful that most veterans can't deal with it. It's too complicated for these guys to handle."

Members of the union, a few veterans and Nova Scotia NDP MP Peter Stoffer were on hand at the Westin Hotel to highlight the impact the cuts would

"That cut is going to be extremely drastic for veterans."

WAYNE FINN,
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY VETERAN

have.

Yvan Thauvette, national president of the union, said the department needs to be excluded from the federal spending review, which would reduce costs by up to 10 per cent in each department.

That could affect about 500 Veterans Affairs em-

ployees, he said.

Michelle Hachey, the union's Atlantic region vice-president, said case workers are already overburdened, with some handling as many as 900 files.

And somewhere in the stack is Finn's.

"I've been dealing with them since June of 2004, and I'm still dealing with them, and I've got a funny hunch I'll be doing it well past 2014," he said, noting he has physical injuries.

"I would like that chapter of my life flipped and to get on with my life."

New deadline set for proposed convention centre



► Joe Ramia

The fate of the proposed downtown Halifax convention centre project is now expected to be decided by March 19, according to the developer.

Joe Ramia said Thursday he hopes to have a decision on whether or not to move forward with his Nova Centre, of which the convention centre is one component, within 60 days.

"We're working on some decisions, so we'll see," Ramia said.

March 19 is the latest in a long line of official and not-so-official deadlines set for the project.

In August, the federal government committed \$51.4 million for the capital costs of the convention centre, joining the municipal and provincial governments who plan to contribute \$56 million each.

On Aug. 15, Ramia said he hoped to have tenants lined up for the financial centre — the above-ground component of the Nova Centre — by mid-November.

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After a third straight 'Poe Toaster' no-show, an esoteric mourning ritual comes to an end.

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► Halifax-Chebucto MLA Howard Epstein, right, chats with fellow MLA Maurice Smith during question period in this file photo from November.

Opposition calls for Epstein's removal

► Dexter says he will not move Halifax-Chebucto MLA from public accounts committee



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An NDP member of the public accounts committee is entitled to his opinion on auditor general Jacques Lapointe's latest report, Premier Darrell Dexter says.

"Howard (Epstein) of course always expresses his opinion, and, you know, it's just part of his character," Dexter told reporter on Thursday.

Epstein, the MLA for Halifax-Chebucto, teed off on Lapointe at a committee meeting on Wednesday.

At issue was Lapointe's latest report, which, in addition to auditing the province's 2010-11 public-accounts documents, expressed an opinion concerning the risks of long-term debt.

Epstein thought it was inappropriate for Lapointe to stray from accounting into economic and policy matters — a point that was stressed over Epstein's 35 minutes to speak to Lapointe's report.

The lecture provoked calls on Thursday for Epstein's removal from the committee by the Progressive Conservative caucus.

"We all share a hand in (the debt)," said PC MLA Chris d'Entremont, who does not sit on the committee.

"But the government that's in place today should be finding solutions to make it happen. Not shooting the messenger."

Epstein said on Thursday the PCs should be embarrassed to talk on the topic, when Tory govern-

ments were responsible for much of the current \$12.8 billion debt.

Dexter said Epstein will remain the vice-chair of the committee.

When asked if Epstein's lecture was appropriate, Dexter said members are entitled to their own opinions.

"The message that Nova Scotians have to live within their means is essentially a message we have been talking about since we came into government," said Dexter.

"Debt is, in fact, a serious issue ... which we deal with every year."



► Darrell Dexter

CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES

HRM scores near top of economic activity index

The Halifax Regional Municipality came in fourth in CIBC's latest ranking of metropolitan economic activity.

HRM scored 16.8 on CIBC World Market's Metropolitan Economic Activity Index, placing

just behind Kitchener (18.0), Edmonton (20.0), and Toronto (23.0).

The ranking takes into account indicators such as population growth, employment and unemployment, housing starts and bankruptcy rates.

While HRM did not stand out in any of those measures, it scored sufficiently high in a number of categories to rank near the top of the list.

"The city enjoyed a relatively healthy population growth while the

labour market is performing somewhat above average," the report notes. "The real estate market is well balanced, with housing starts rising by well over 40 per cent (year-over-year) in the third quarter of 2011."

The report ranked 25 of Canada's largest municipalities, including two other Atlantic cities. St. John's placed 13th on the list with a score of 11. Saint John came in at 17th, with a score of 7.1.

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News in brief

Man dies in Yarmouth jail

YARMOUTH. An inmate of a Nova Scotia jail has died.

The Justice Department says the man was found in his cell at the Southwest Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Yarmouth on Wednesday night.

The department did not identify the man, saying next of kin are being notified. Foul play is not suspected.

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Robber hit by woman's purse

DARTMOUTH. Police say a woman used her purse to hit a would-be robber on Thursday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say at about 7 a.m., a 35-

year-old woman was walking in the area of Queen and Wentworth streets in Dartmouth when she was approached by a female armed with a knife.

The victim yelled for help, police say, then struck the woman with her purse several times.

The suspect fled the scene on foot. The victim wasn't injured.

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Cops catch speed demon

ROADS. An 18-year-old Halifax man is facing stunt-driving charges for allegedly driving 138 km/h in an 80 km/h zone on the Hammonds Plains Road.

RCMP say they clocked the driver at that speed in a Honda Civic just before 11 p.m. on Wednesday. The driver faces a possible fine of at least \$2,400.

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Access a security issue: AG

- ▶ Employees have 'inappropriate' file access, attorney general says
- ▶ Lapointe calls access issues a 'pervasive' problem in N.S. government



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Nova Scotia's auditor general is once again calling attention to inadequate computer security across provincial departments and agencies.

In a report released Wednesday, auditor general Jacques Lapointe found certain employees in the Department of Finance's taxation and fiscal policy division had "inappropriate" access to information.

The report warns inappropriate access "increases the possibility of fraud and inaccurate financial reporting."

But the problem isn't limited to the finance department.

"It's so pervasive," Lapointe said Thursday. "In



▶ Auditor general Jacques Lapointe speaks with reporters.

fact, we report on finding this kind of thing every time we look at (computer) systems, and it comes up year after year."

In some cases, staffers who have left departments, changed jobs, or even left government still have access to sensitive files.

"It can be anything from a general ledger or, say, to driver licence or birth certificate programs," Lapointe said. "It could be sensitive information or it could be something really mundane that doesn't matter too much. But, generally speaking ... for computer systems in this

The response

▶ In response to Jacques Lapointe's report, the Department of Finance has committed to work with the taxation and fiscal policy division to tighten controls over staff access.

government, there's a very common problem of inadequate access security."

Lapointe said the problem is so widespread he's not sure how best to address it. But he said that, because it's essentially an IT issue, the Chief Information Office should perhaps address it.

"I know (the issues are with) individual departments and agencies, but it may be something the CIO should be looking at," he said.



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Two more charged in immigration-fraud case

► Police not ruling out possibility of laying more charges



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Police have charged two men in the case of a Bedford man accused of helping foreign nationals fraudulently obtain permanent-resident status and Canada citizenship.

The RCMP announced on Thursday that they charged 39-year-old Hani Dalgamouni and 37-year-old Nael Al-Mehdawi under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Dalgamouni, a Canadian citizen, is charged with three counts of counselling misrepresentation, while Al-Mehdawi, a permanent resident of Canada, is charged with misrepresentation.

The two are thought to be clients of Bedford's Hassan Al-Awaid, who is ac-

"The allegations are these two individuals assisted (Hassan) Al-Awaid in maintaining his fraud."

RCMP STAFF SGT. TERRY QUINN

cused of helping foreign nationals from the Middle East obtain permanent-resident status and Canadian citizenship through fraudulent means.

The RCMP allege that Dalgamouni and Al-Mehdawi acted as points of contact and helped the 57-year-old.

Police laid 53 charges against Al-Awaid last March.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Terry Quinn of the Atlantic Re-

gion Immigration and Passport Section said the investigation is "complex," which is why it took about 10 months for more charges to come.

"We seized thousands of documents, so we had to go through every one of those documents very carefully, and as a result of that, these charges were laid," Quinn said on Thursday.

Both men are believed to be living in the Kingdom of Jordan, and warrants for their arrest have been issued.

Quinn said they're not working with police in Jordan in relation to the case.

He said the charges to Dalgamouni and Al-Mehdawi carry a maximum penalty of a fine of \$100,000 or five years behind bars.

Work. It



► TV host and fitness coach Tommy Europe speaks at last year's Optimyz Live Health Expo.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Health expo this weekend

Europe is returning for this year's expo, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday at Exhibition Park. Also featured for this weekend's event is UFC Hall of Famer Royce Gracie.

Arrest made in robberies

A 34-year-old man wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for two bank robberies in HRM on Tuesday has been arrested.

Police issued the warrant late Wednesday for Timothy Edward Walsh and that evening he was picked up by Codiac RCMP.

Walsh is charged with two counts of robbery, possession of a concealed weapon, possession of a weapon dangerous to the public and one count of theft and possession over \$5,000.

The first holdup was at Scotiabank on Lacewood Drive in Clayton Park, followed by a second robbery at the TD Bank on Portland Street in Dartmouth.

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HRM return

► Police were making arrangements Thursday to bring Timothy Walsh back to Halifax.



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A little food for thought

► We are looking for deals more, but HRM residents purchase what they know, poll finds

BY THE NUMBERS

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We love buying our brand names in HRM. Although just over 75 per cent of

Halifax-area residents said they are shopping more frugally these days, there is lots of evidence that we still have our favourite brands and don't often stray from them.

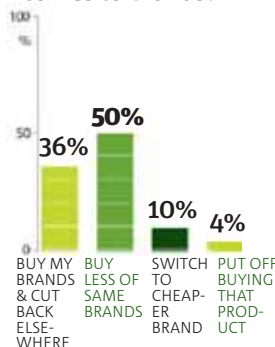
A recent survey shows 65 per cent of HRM residents seek out specific brands for most of their

regular shopping needs. In the supermarket we are still attracted to major national brands in many categories, particularly when it comes to buying food.

Forty per cent said they are loyal to brands such as Kraft, Heinz and Kellogg's. There are obviously a growing number of consumers, however, who feel the so-called "house brands" such as President's Choice and Compliments meet their quality and value needs. Thirty-six per cent of our respondents said they buy these brands regularly and over 70 per cent buy them sometimes.

Brands do not seem to be as significant when we look at non-food household items. But brands such as Tide, Lysol and Mr. Clean still head the list and are regularly pur-

If you suddenly had 20 per cent less to spend on groceries, what best represents what you would do when it comes to brands?



chased by 42 per cent of respondents.

When it comes to other

purchases, however, the impact of the brand name seems to fade. Two-thirds of those surveyed did not have a brand preference. Price appeared to play a larger role in determining purchasing behaviour of non-food items.

We asked respondents to imagine that their household budget for a trip to the supermarket had been reduced by 20 per cent and what impact it would have on brand preferences and buying behaviour.

Only 10 per cent said they would immediately switch to a cheaper product, with another 50 per cent saying they would buy less of the same brands or try to buy them less often.

So it appears the strength of brands persists on many fronts. On aver-

age, almost 80 per cent said that trust, quality and reputation were the prime reasons for their brand loyalty. Another 62 per cent said they were influenced by the advertising.

A growing number of folks in HRM are also aware of how companies are operating within their communities and the degree to which they give back.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region

Polling

► A total of 428 HRM residents were surveyed, with the poll carrying a margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 per cent.

Connors running for mayor

A well-known Halifax entrepreneur has thrown his hat in the ring to be the next mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Fred Connors, who operates the Fred art gallery, salon and café on Agricola Street, announced his candidacy during his acceptance speech for the Family SOS Ambassador Award at the Courage to Give Back Awards at the Cunard Centre on Thursday night.

The website fredconnorsforhrm.tumblr.com has been started and includes a bio of Connors, who is no stranger to municipal issues, including his fight to allow chickens in Halifax backyards.

Jennifer O'Connor, his campaign manager, said Thursday he wasn't available for an interview until Friday. She also wouldn't comment on the reasons for his decision to run. ● PHILIP CROUCHER

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JOAN McELMAN

Joan McElman is the host of EastLink TV's *Welcome to My Kitchen*, and has been appearing on local, community TV for an amazing 29 years. A resident of the Annapolis Valley, Joan loves using local foods and flavours that this wonderful province has to offer.



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Skier Sarah Burke dies

► Freestyle champion was a pioneer in her sport

Sarah Burke was an X Games star with a grass-roots mentality — a dare-devil superpipe skier who understood the risks inherent to her sport and the debt she owed to it.

The pioneering Canadian freestyler, who helped get superpipe accepted into the Olympics, died Thursday after a Jan. 10 crash during a training run in Park City, Utah.

Burke was 29.

Tests revealed she sustained "irreversible damage to her brain due to lack of oxygen and blood after cardiac arrest," according to a statement released by her publicist, Nicole Wool, on behalf of the family.

"Our hearts go out to Sarah's husband Rory and her entire family," Canadian Freestyle Ski Association CEO Peter Judge said in a statement. "It's difficult for us to imagine their pain and what they're going through. Sarah was certainly someone who lived life to the fullest and in doing so was a significant example to our community and far beyond."

"She will be greatly missed by all of us at the CFSA and the entire ski community."

Wool said Burke's organs and tissues were donated,

"Sarah, in many ways, (defined) the sport.... (She was) involved since the very, very early days ..."

PETER JUDGE, CEO, CANADIAN FREESTYLE SKI ASSOCIATION

as she had requested before the accident.

"The family expresses their heartfelt gratitude for the international outpouring of support they have received from all the people Sarah touched," the statement said.

A four-time Winter X Games champion, Burke will be remembered as much for the hardware she collected as the legacy she left for women in superpipe skiing, a sister sport to the more popular snowboarding brand that has turned Shaun White, Hannah Teter and others into stars.

Aware of the big role the Olympics played in pushing the Whites of the world from the fringes into the mainstream, Burke lobbied to add superpipe skiing to the Winter Games program, noting that no new infrastructure would be needed.

Her arguments won over Olympic officials and the discipline will debut at the



► Sarah Burke after a win in 2006. She was a four-time Winter X Games Champion.

Sochi Games in 2014, where Burke likely would have been a favourite for the gold medal.

News of Burke's death spread quickly through the action-sports world, where the Winter X Games are set to start next week in Aspen, Colo., without one of their biggest and most-beloved stars.

"She's probably one of the nicest people I've

known in my life, and that's about the only thing I have to say about it," said American superpipe skier Simon Dumont.

Burke's death is also sure to re-ignite the debate over safety on the halfpipe. She crashed on the same halfpipe where snowboarder Kevin Pearce sustained a traumatic brain injury in a training accident Dec. 31, 2009. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Accused spy served in Halifax

The junior naval officer accused of spying for a foreign entity spent almost his entire career in intelligence and, at one time, worked in the military's nerve centre at National Defence Headquarters, defence officials quietly acknowledged on Wednesday.

Up until 2010, Sub-Lt. Jeffrey Delisle worked for both the Chief of Defence Intelligence and at the Strategic Joint Staff, which oversees virtually every major aspect of the military's domestic and international plans and operations.

The revelation opens the possibility that the 40-year-old had access to even more highly classified data than what was potentially available at his current posting in Trinity, a highly secure

naval intelligence centre in Halifax.

The military, in a written response to questions, said that Delisle joined the military as a reservist private in 1996 and was posted to the 3 Intelligence Company in Halifax.

He went on to join the regular forces in 2001, was promoted to sergeant before being accepted at university for two years in Kingston, Ont., as an officer candidate. He eventually landed back in Halifax at the army's Atlantic headquarters.

Delisle was posted to Trinity in August of last year. The intelligence officer was charged Monday with passing secrets to a "foreign entity."

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Players rescue pup

They found a freezing pooch showing serious signs of neglect, so they decided to call police.

Carson Perreault, who plays centre for the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League team, says the young men wrapped the puppy in a hoodie and kept it warm until officers arrived.

The puppy, which has been named Rubin, will be in foster care until he is well enough to be adopted.

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U.S. feds shut down Megaupload

► Comes one day after Wikipedia, others stage protest over legislation

One of the world's largest file-sharing sites was shut down Thursday, and its founder and several company executives were charged with violating piracy laws, federal prosecutors said.

An indictment accuses Megaupload.com of costing copyright holders more than \$500 million in lost revenue from pirated films and other content.

The indictment was unsealed one day after websites including Wikipedia and Craigslist shut down in protest of two congressional proposals intended to thwart online piracy.

The Justice Department said in a statement that Kim Dotcom and three others were arrested Thursday in New Zealand at the request of U.S. officials. Two

Star support

Megaupload was unique not only because of its massive size and the volume of downloaded content, but also because it had high-profile support from celebrities, musicians and other content producers who are most often the victims of copyright infringement and piracy.

other defendants are at large.

The website allowed users to download films, TV shows, games, music and other content for free, but made money by charging subscriptions to people who wanted access to faster download speeds or extra content.

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► This undated image shows the homepage of the website Megaupload.com.

Free web access in Uruguay

Uruguay's state-owned communications company is giving users a day of free Internet access in support of freedom online.

Antel says it is inspired by the Internet blackout led by U.S. search and social media companies against anti-piracy bills in the U.S. Congress. It's offering free net access on Monday.

The company says it has no position on the anti-piracy bills, but wants to strengthen the principle of free access.

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New potential witness in Costa Concordia saga

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A young Moldovan crew member who translated evacuation instructions from the bridge after the Costa Concordia ran into a reef emerged as a potential new witness Thursday in the investigation into the captain's actions that fateful night.

Italian media have said prosecutors want to interview 25-year-old Dominica Cermotan, who had worked for Costa as a hostess but was not on duty when she boarded the ship Jan. 13 in the Roman port of Civitavecchia.

The \$450-million Costa Concordia was carrying more than 4,200 passengers and crew when it slammed



► Firefighters use a helicopter to approach the cruise ship Costa Concordia leaning on its side.

into well-marked rocks off the Tuscan island of Giglio after the captain made an unauthorized diversion Jan. 13 from his programmed

route. The ship then keeled over on its side and is still half-submerged nearly a week later.

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Going down with the ship

Seafaring tradition holds that the captain should be last to leave a sinking ship. But is it realistic to expect skippers to

suppress their survival instinct amid the horror of a maritime disaster? To ask them to stare down death from the bridge, as the lights go out and the water rises?

From mariners on ships playing the world's oceans, the answer is loud and clear: Aye.

"It's a matter of honour that the master is the last to leave. Nothing less will do in this profession," said Jorgen Loren, captain of a passenger ferry operating between Sweden and Denmark and chairman of the Swedish Maritime Officer's Association.

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Romney faces primary pressure ahead of vote

► Mitt Romney's campaign jolted after Rick Perry drops out of Republican nominee race, backs opponent

Mitt Romney's march to the Republican presidential nomination was shaken Thursday, two days ahead of the crucial South Carolina primary, as Rick Perry dropped out and endorsed a gaining Newt Gingrich.

Romney has led the contest to select a challenger to President Barack Obama in November, benefiting from a fractured Republican field and the failure of conservatives to rally behind a candidate. The remaining candidates debated Thursday night.

Gingrich, a former speaker of the House of Representatives, is emerging as the main rival to Romney. Polls show him in second place in South Carolina, gaining ground but



► Romney

still trailing the former Massachusetts governor by about 10 percentage points.

Saturday's South Carolina primary has been seen as the pivotal contest in the race, following what had initially been declared a very narrow victory for Romney in Iowa, the first nominating contest, and a

solid Romney win in last week's New Hampshire primary.

That means that even if Romney holds onto his lead and wins in South Carolina, he won't be able to claim victory in the first three contests — an achievement that would have made him appear to be the all-but-inevitable nominee.

The wealthy Romney, a venture capitalist, has campaigned on the assertion that his business background makes him the logical candidate to defeat Obama. But he faces growing scrutiny over his vast fortune and acknowledged reports that he has millions invested in the Cayman Islands.

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Perry knew when to call it quits

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► Rick Perry

Rick Perry abandoned his presidential bid Thursday, citing money issues and in-party fighting as the reasons.

"I know when it's time to make a strategic retreat," Perry, the former Texas governor, announced Thursday after he endorsed Gingrich calling him "a conservative visionary."

Perry had faced calls to drop out to compel conservative voters, whose support has been divided among several candidates, to rally for Gingrich. Perry spokesman Ray Sullivan said money was also a factor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

► Newt Gingrich, accompanied by his wife Callista, listens to a question during an event.



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GINGRICH WANTED 'OPEN MARRIAGE': EX-WIFE

Dredging up a past that Newt Gingrich has worked hard to bury, the Republican presidential candidate's second ex-wife says Gingrich asked for an "open marriage" in which he could have both a wife and a mistress.

In an interview with ABC News' Nightline that aired Thursday night, Marianne Gingrich said she refused to go along with the idea that she

share her husband with Callista Bisek, who would later become his third wife.

The interview was airing just two days before the presidential primary in South Carolina, a state with a strong Christian conservative bent, and as Gingrich tries to present himself as the strongest alternative to Republican front-runner Mitt Romney.

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▶ Jude Law

Murdoch group to pay damages

Rupert Murdoch's media empire apologized and agreed to cash payouts Thursday to 37 people — including a movie star, a soccer player, a top British politician and the son of a serial killer — who were harassed and phone-hacked by his tabloid press.

The four — Jude Law, Ashley Cole, John Prescott and Chris Shipman — were among three dozen victims who received

financial damages from Murdoch's British newspaper company for illegal eavesdropping and other intrusions, including email snooping.

Lawyers for the claimants said the settlements vindicated their accusation that senior Murdoch executives had long known about phone hacking and tried to cover it up. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ **Storied photo company restructures business to cut costs and accelerate drawn-out digital transformation**

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Kodak filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Thursday, raising the spectre that the 132-year-old trailblazer could become the most storied casualty of a digital age.

Already a shadow of its former self, cash-poor Kodak will now reorganize in bankruptcy court as it



▶ Eastman Kodak headquarters is shown in Rochester, N.Y., on Thursday.

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1 Tim Hortons goes extra large: Timmies got national attention this week when it announced a brand new extra-large cup size (24 ounces) to be introduced Monday, Jan. 23. But perhaps this tweet from radio DJ Dani Stover (@danigray) said it best: "I don't care about the size of Tim Horton's cups, all I want to know is when I can roll up the rim."

2 Seth Rogen: The Golden Globes were a snore until Canada's Seth Rogen took the stage to present an award alongside Kate Beckinsale and said, "Hello I'm Seth Rogen, and I'm currently trying to conceal a massive erection." Then everyone was aroused, er, woken up. Yes, a good penis joke never fails. Even George Clooney made one later in the broadcast.

3 Alcatraz Vancouver: Fox's fantastic, spooky, supernatural, J.J.-Abrams-created prison drama Alcatraz, which premiered this week, is being produced in Vancouver, on the same North Shore Studios lot where several seasons of The X-Files were made. That makes this must-watch show all the more spooky.

4 Internet of darkness: More than 7,000 websites — including Wired, BoingBoing and Wikipedia — "went dark" Wednesday to protest anti-piracy legislation, currently making its way through the U.S. Congress, that could affect the Internet and freedom of speech. With less Internet, water-cooler talk must have gone up 25 per cent that day.

5 Tom Cruise & race cars: During a discussion on closeted gay celebrities on Piers Morgan Tonight this week, Rosie O'Donnell said, "People say to me all the time, 'Tom Cruise is gay.' I've been around Tom Cruise a lot. Tom Cruise drives race cars, Tom Cruise is ... I do not think Tom Cruise is gay. I have never thought Tom Cruise is gay." Well, OK, then.

6 Groom's Bieber dance: If you're a groom and at your wedding you and your groomsmen star in an epic choreographed performance set to Justin Bieber's Baby, it will get the attention not only of your bride but also of the world. "Brian's Surprise Justin Bieber Wedding Dance for Emily" on YouTube already has nearly four million views.

7 Giant killers: The 15-1 Green Bay Packers were being called one of the best teams ever and were expected to repeat as Super Bowl champions, but in a stunning playoff collapse on their home field, they lost 37-20 to the New York Giants. The Packers finished the season 15-2 — one of the biggest choke jobs in sports history.

8 Andrea Bargnani: The seven-foot 26-year-old is finally showing why the Toronto Raptors drafted him first overall in 2006. Averaging 22 points a game (No. 9 in the NBA) and a career-best 6.5 rebounds a game, Bargnani is playing like an all-star on a mediocre Raptor team. He may yet be the second coming of Dirk Nowitzki.

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mouth to Halifax and watch all the oncoming passengers get more and more attractive. #bustweet
► **@krisp131:** The boo-hooing over the tragic loss of King of Donair at Pizza Corner is baffling. If you've eaten there sober, raise your hand. #halifax

► **@clocksdaggers:** Now what am I going to eat while I watch drunk 20 y/o's vomiting and head-butting? RT @CBCNS King of Donair to leave Halifax's

pizza corner

► **@sweettoothlex:** I've lived in Halifax for 6 years and have moved, on average, once every 6yrs.... heh... #randomobservation
► **@gracemcc45:** Killer workout today! T-3 days until @TommyEurope kicks my ass at #optimyz #halifax. Excited and terrified at the same time!

► **@etoileenleciel:** @lights You'll be in Halifax tomorrow and I can't wait for your show. You should check out @strangeadventr comicbook store on Sackville st.



Bath time, Russian-style

Taking religion to an extreme

MOSCOW, RUSSIA. Braving the legendary Russian winter, thousands of Orthodox Christians across the country have celebrated the feast of the Epiphany the traditional way ... by bathing in cold ice pools outside to "cleanse themselves of sins." For the faithful, this ritual pays homage to the baptism of Jesus Christ. ● **MWN**

Baptism of ice

- The Crucifix-shaped hole in ice is named "Iordan" after the Jordan River, where Jesus Christ was baptized.
- Three times a blessing: After descending wooden steps, believers submerge their bodies completely in water three times (in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).

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Synopsis

Based on true events (though highly fictionalized), the movie focuses on four African American pilots from the Second World War — the top guns of the 332nd Fighter Group — the Tuskegee Airmen. In fighting the racial discrimination of the U.S. military, they prove their mettle by taking on dangerous assignments in active combat.

Ratings:

Richard: ●●½
Mark: ●●½



▶ The anti-racist message of Red Tails is lost in the cardboard characters and wooden acting.

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN



Tails is too 'talky'

▶ The flight scenes are fun, but Red Tails is slowed down by leaden dialogue

Richard: Mark, you can't accuse Red Tails of being subtle. It is unabashedly patriotic, unapologetically melodramatic and an unashamed throwback to the propaganda movies of the 1940s. The mix and match of those elements works for the first hour, but the time one of the pilots whoops, "Let's give those newspapers something to write about!" the once charming tone of the movie started to wear thin for me. You?

Mark: Charmed? Naw, I was too busy being stupefied at the racial condescension of the movie. The movie has the best of intentions, but its anti-racist message is lost amidst the

cardboard characters, leaden dialogue, wooden acting and overemphatic score. The story is so dumbed down it's a bit of an insult to those Tuskegee airmen it wants to honour. Neat flight jackets, though.

Richard: I didn't find the script condescending, just ordinary. An extraordinary, and mostly hidden history like the story of the Tuskegee Red Tails deserves something a little more than a by-the-book retelling. I agree with you about the flight jackets; they are sharp, but I also found the in-flight scenes to be exciting. Too much dialogue for my taste, but the aerial photogra-

phy was fun.

MB: The aerial photography may be the only reason to watch this picture. Yet, in many of the long shots, it looked like a video game to me. And was there ever a more nauseating, saccharine romantic subplot as the one in this movie? I was so grateful that most of the dialogue was in Italian! Some of the acting was passable: Terrence Howard had a couple of good speeches, but most of the time he acted with his pipe.

RC: Ha! I think I enjoyed this more than you. But just by a hair. It's too long, too talky and too corny, but I liked some of the

characters and enjoyed watching the flight sequences. I do, however, wish there was less dialogue during the dogfights. I think fighter pilots in attack mode have better things to concentrate on than making wisecracks.

MB: Yes, the confidence of the pilots under fire bordered on the comical. But one thing I found interesting: The racism of the pilots' fellow white Americans was worse than of the Nazis, who only dismissed them with snotty attitude rather than overtly trying to beat them up and using the dreaded N-word. I don't know if it was intentional, but the point packed a wallop for me.

2 scene

Scene in brief



Opening this week is *Underworld: Awakening*, the newest entry in the film series starring Kate Beckinsale as the vampire Selene. In this film, Selene must fight humankind when it starts a war against vampires and the Lycan clan — the werewolf enemies of the vampires.

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Eighty years later, silence still golden for Oscars, with *Wings* and *The Artist* like bookends.

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Living on the ledge

► The Man on a Ledge stars talk about their battles with pigeons and vertigo while shooting the film

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

When making a movie while precariously perched on the side of a Manhattan building, even the most powerful Hollywood producer or über-skilled stunt teams can't keep you safe from your true nemesis: Pigeons. "You're in their world," Man on a Ledge star Sam Worthington says. "And the more you

squawk at them, the more they laugh at you."

Co-star Elizabeth Banks agrees. "I was always worried they were going to fly into my head," she says. "I didn't really care about the whole pooping-on-me thing, that can happen. But they'd just kind of dart around every once in awhile and I was like, 'No, no, no! Don't come near me!'"

The film, about a captured-convict-turned-fugitive (Worthington) who has to be talked off the

ledge of a high-rise building by a New York Police Department hostage negotiator (Banks), was shot "practically," which means that when it looks like the actors are standing on the side of a building, they're actually on the side of a building — not on a set or in front of a green screen somewhere. The filmmakers constructed a massive shooting apparatus that allowed them to make their movie in the pigeon's playground.

"Everyone was really committed to giving the audience the experience of being up that high with us and giving you vertigo," Banks says.



► Elizabeth Banks and Sam Worthington star in Man on a Ledge.

"I actually wanted [the film] to be in 3D," Worthington adds, "but then, when I watched it, I realized you don't need it. It has this sweeping arc and you get to experience what it felt like up there." That feeling being? "Fear," Worthington grins. "Not of

falling, but of landing, because you'd go splat. You do hang on for grim life. I always had a palm on the wall somewhere."

As for Banks, the hardest part of the job was fighting basic human nature. "Your body has an

instinct, which is fight or flight, and it's telling you to get out of this crazy, dangerous situation," Banks explains. "Your hearts races, you get the sweaty palms, your adrenaline pumps, but you're battling your psychological, emotional reaction."



SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL, LAUREN GREENFIELD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



► The Queen of Versailles is one of the opening night films at Sundance.

Sundance arrives with cinema and snow

► Opening night has festival serving up some promising fare with documentaries and dramas ► There's plenty of star power too

A fresh dusting of snow over Park City heralded the opening of the Sundance Film Festival on Thursday.

For 11 days every January, Sundance becomes the focal point of the independent film world as established directors and stars mix with up-and-coming talent, while theatrical distributors prowl the festival looking for the next indie hit and film lovers just have a good time being the first audiences to see new movies.

"You can't make a film with a festival in mind, and it's not something I would have expected or taken for granted. But it's always kind of the dream

in the back of your mind," said Lauren Greenfield, who premiered her debut documentary Thin at Sundance in 2006 and returns this time with one of the opening-night films, The Queen of Versailles, chronicling the housing-bust story of a couple that tried to build a palatial 90,000-square-foot mansion.

"I think it's this really magical environment, a place that's such a nurturing, supportive influence for independent films. Even when you're out there making your film, I think that you think about Sundance, and it just kind of gives you motivation."

Also opening Thursday is Hello I Must Be Going,

actor-turned-director Todd Louiso's U.S. dramatic entry which centres on a love story between a 19-year-old man and a 35-year-old divorcee that stars Melanie Lynskey; the world-cinema drama Wish You Were Here, a dark story of a vacation gone wrong from Australian filmmaker Kieran Darcy-Smith that stars Joel Edgerton and Teresa Palmer; and Swedish director Malik Bendjelloul's world-cinema documentary Searching for Sugar Man, a portrait of promising 1970s singer-songwriter Rodriguez and his fade into obscurity.

Sundance also is a launch place for films that already have distributors,

who show off their films hoping to build buzz among audiences and the legions of cinema journalists and bloggers who attend the festival.

"All the film press in North America is at Sundance to discover films," said Michael Barker, co-president of Sony Pictures Classics, which is showing director Nadine Labaki's Lebanese drama Where Do We Go Now? and Gareth Huw Evans' Indonesian action tale The Raid at the festival. "Sundance is like the best place to set up a film for release. You have instant press junkets at Sundance."

Among the more established filmmakers show-

The real wolfman

- Badass Liam Neeson is back in *The Grey*
- The film has him square off against dogs in the wild

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Evidenced by his recent spate of ass-kicking roles, Liam Neeson seems like the scariest actor in Hollywood. Tall, broad and blunt, he cuts an intimidating profile, and watching him face down a pack of ravenous wolves in his new film — the mythic, man-versus-nature thriller *The Grey* — he seems like an equally ferocious creature, especially after he duct-tapes broken airplane liquor bottles to his knuckles. To hear Neeson tell it, however, he wouldn't last five minutes in the sub-zero conditions his character endures. "I'd curl up and die," the Irish actor says. "On our first day, cameras were malfunctioning and equipment wasn't working, and I thought, 'This is ludicrous.'"

In the last three years, Neeson has remodeled his imposing dramatic pedigree to suit action fans, spawning the unofficial "Neesploitation" sub-genre — with films like *Taken*, *Unknown* and now *The Grey* — where he squares off against a rogue's gallery of international baddies and proves he's not to be trifled with. While his command of the screen is undeniable, he insists he's not the alpha-male type he's become synonymous with in his films. "I can play them, but in life, I'm not one."

The Grey reunites Neeson with his *A-Team* director, Joe Carnahan, whose survivalist thriller about a small group of plane crash survivors lost in the frozen north appealed to Neeson on both

visceral and existential levels. "The script read like a 19th century epic poem for me, something like the *Ancient Mariner* or something," Neeson says. Although Neeson's recent foray into action has led him from the more cerebral films that helped make his name, he says he's doing movies like *The Grey* because he's asked to, not because he feels compelled to test himself physically. "Taken came out three years ago, and they're offering me a lot of these action films," he reveals. "I think my knees can maybe hold out another year, but that's it."



► Liam Neeson jokes that his knees are probably only going to hold out for another year doing action films.

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► Filly Brown is one of the films featured at Sundance.



► Hello I Must Be Going is one of the films that opened Sundance.

casing their work at the festival are Spike Lee with his urban drama *Red Hook Summer*, in which

he reprises the character he played in *Do the Right Thing*; Stephen Frears with his sports-wagering

caper *Lay the Favorite*, starring Bruce Willis, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Rebecca Hall; documen-

tary veteran Joe Berlinger with his Paul Simon portrait *Under African Skies*; and Julie Delpy with her

relationship comedy *2 Days in New York*, in which she stars with Chris Rock.

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Haywire
Genre: Action

Director: Steven Soderbergh

Stars: Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor

🌐🌐🌐🌐 Filmmaker Steven Soderbergh reunites with The Limey writer Lem Dobbs to create Haywire — what will surely go down as one of 2012's best action films (and yes, I know it's only January). The Ocean's

Eleven director brilliantly cast MMA fighter Gina Carano as a mysterious covert operative that seeks vengeance and truth after she is double-crossed on a job. While the story is simple enough, it's clearly Carano is performing her own incredible fight scenes, which keeps the kettle boiling in this stylish, entertaining thriller. **STEVE GOW**


Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close
Genre: Drama

Director: Stephen Daldry

Stars: Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock

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Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close explores the horror of 9-11 through the eyes of a gifted 10-year-old named Oskar (Thomas Horn) whose father (Tom Hanks) was killed in the attack. This is a 9-11 movie that isn't about ideology but the human cost of ideology. Oskar's search

isn't for answers as to why 9-11 happened, but rather to keep a connection to his father alive. Good performances all round, Sandra Bullock and Max Von Sydow are standouts, but Horn does much of the work, his doe eyes conveying the pain, hurt and confusion that comes along with great loss. It's a bit over long, with a drawn out ending, but a few moments guaranteed to trigger the water works.

RICHARD CROUSE
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
Genre: Thriller

Director: Tomas Alfredson

Stars: Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Tom Hardy

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Given its dense and fascinating source material, it's not surprising that this British thriller puts the audience to work — which is a refreshing change of pace for a genre that is home to so much surface-level material. Based on a classic 1974 book of the same name by John LeCarre, Tinker observes the highest levels of British Intelligence at MI6. When it becomes clear that someone in the trusted inner circle has been a mole for the Russians, one forcibly retired agent (Gary Oldman) is asked to investigate the men he'd worked closest with. This film truly does not fit the definition of what some would deem to be a "spy film" — there are little to no car chases or explosions of any kind. The sto-



ry comes out through the dialogue, not some easy voice-over that spoon-feeds salient points. If you find yourself playing catch-up, it may only add to the menacing mood of the Cold War Era. But like anything in life that doesn't come easy, the end rewards are many. Don't send your gramps with the hearing aid to see it, but if you're in the mood for a richly told portrayal with international intrigue, you're in for a treat.

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Talking points



Idol judges work the stage

LET'S HOPE THEY'RE NOT 'PITCHY'. American Idol fans may want to check out The Tonight Show With Jay Leno for a rare chance to judge the judges. Host Ryan Seacrest and judges Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson are among the guests on Friday. But that's not all. Tyler and Jackson are expected to perform, along with Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry. (NBC, CTV2)

Canadian comfort food

AND IT'S NOT POUTINE. You Gotta Eat Here proves that Canadian comfort food can be just as indulgent as the lardaceous spectacles seen in those over-the-top Food Network shows set south of the border. Take for example Friday's overblown brunch suggestion: eggs benny served on fresh doughnuts, courtesy of Uncle Betty's Diner

in Toronto. The creamy New York-style cheesecake over at Victoria's Italian resto Pagliacci's is also featured and seems down right healthy by comparison. (Food Network Canada)

What if you were switched at birth?

AS IF BEING A TEEN GIRL WASN'T HARD ENOUGH. Get a glimpse at ABC Spark's series Switched at Birth on W Network Saturday. The new channel isn't in Canada until March 26 but it's offering up an early look at its flagship teen drama. The tale centres on two girls who learn they were accidentally switched as newborns in the hospital. One grew up in a wealthy family while the other grew up with a single mom in a working-class neighbourhood. (W Network)

Preggo, clueless and hilarious

AWAY WE GO. Airing Saturday, the 2009 romantic comedy Away We Go follows an expectant couple played by Maya Rudolph (SNL) and John Krasinski (The Office) as they set off on a journey to find the best city in which to settle and raise their family. (Bravo) **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

The importance of Portlandia

► Funnyman Fred Armisen talks about his on-screen chemistry with Carrie Brownstein ► Almost half the show is improv, says the SNL star



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In one sketch during the new season of Portlandia, the characters played by Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein decide to watch a single episode of Battlestar Galactica before they head out to a friend's birthday party.

Unable to pull themselves away from the TV after 45 minutes, they miss the party, end up devouring the first season, and over a few consecutive days, the whole series. Jobs are lost, bills go unpaid and they stop getting up to use the bathroom.

At one point Brownstein tiredly says, "I a little bit feel like I have a bladder infection, but I'm just going to get antibiotics after the next episode."

This scene is typical of the comedic duo's adoration of the absurd, and is one that could easily apply to viewers of their show.

The first season recently began streaming on Net-



► Fred Armisen

flix, and the second season premieres Friday.

Armisen says he has found himself in similarly intense viewing marathons with shows like Game of Thrones and American Horror Story. "And The Wire," he says, "I burned right through that."

What makes the comedy hit so hard is Armisen and Brownstein's ability to create relatable situations that go awry. He says the pair are able to get so ridiculous because almost half of the show is improvised.

"We film so much stuff," he says. "We could do a whole season of what we didn't use."

Armisen says that a large chunk of that unused footage is he and Brownstein ruining the scenes by laughing uncontrollably at what the other one has come up with on the spot. He is quick to give away the credit for the finished product.

"We're not part of the editing process," he explains, "because those guys are geniuses."

A different beat

One of the things that sets Portlandia apart from Armisen's other comedy outlet, Saturday Night Live, is the way the show handles musical guests. On Portlandia, musical guests don't sing, they act.

► "Sometimes when musicians do things like this, they come at it with just a slightly different way of playing things than a comedian, and that's just interesting," says Armisen.

► **Season 2** cameos include Eddie Vedder, Joanna Newsom and guitarists from the Sex Pistols and The Smiths.

Armisen says relinquishing that authority is liberating because every time he watches the edits, he finds himself saying, "Oh my gosh, I never thought that we wouldn't need that."

"That's a really weird part of the process, where you think you're in control, but you know it's good that you're not in control."

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The winter release season is finally upon us.

Here's what we can expect in stores and online in the first quarter of 2012:

Tuesday: I have high hopes for Future This from The Big Pink, a British band with much potential.

Jan. 24: Craig Finn of the Hold Steady's solo album, Clear Heart Full Eyes, comes out. Also we'll get

Cloud Nothings' Attack on Memory, which was produced by Steve Albini.

Jan. 31: Lana Del Ray was the musical guest on SNL without even having an album out. Will Born to Die live up to the hype? And



► Dolores O'Riordan, lead singer of The Cranberries.

I've heard Old Ideas, the first Leonard Cohen studio album since 2004. Fans will be pleased.

Feb. 7: Van Halen (DLR v2.0) returns with A Different Kind of Truth. We'll also get more metal from Silverstein in the form of Short Songs. Plus Le Voyage Dans La Lune from Air. And Hotel Sessions from Evan Dando and the Lemonheads.

Feb. 14: Sleigh Bells. Can't wait for Reign of Terror.

Feb. 21: I like what I've heard so far from Band of Skulls' Sweet Sour.

Feb. 28: The Cranberries are back. Those who have heard Roses – their first album since Wake Up and Smell the Coffee in 2001 – say it's very good.

Mar. 6: Kaiser Chiefs and

Start the Revolution Without Me. It'll certainly be a hit in the U.K., but will it be enough for a North American breakthrough?

Mar. 19: Spiritualized return with Sweet Heart Sweet Light.

Mar. 20: Sharks. Watch this Birmingham-based band. No Gods could be a sleeper.

Mar. 27: The Modfather Paul Weller cranks out another CD. This one is called Sonik Kicks.

Apr. 10: Slash's new solo album. Still awaiting a title.

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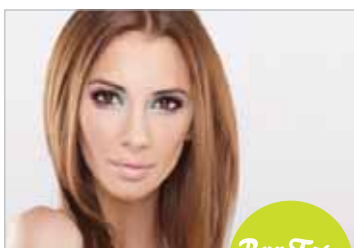


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So this is what J.Lo sees

► The 24-year-old boy-toy of singer is quite the motivational tweeter

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Just why did mega-star Jennifer Lopez fall for Casper Smart?

If you're thinking it's because he's a hot piece of young man meat with terrific abs who is completely subservient to her every want and desire, you'd be wrong!

It's his seriously deep tweets, yo. How moving are they? Let's just say: Can someone get the president from the Precious Moments Page-a-Day Calendar company on the phone?

Smart needs to stop dancing and start writing to inspire all of us.

Some of my favourites:

"Age, status, n opinions of others are irrelevant."

"Our hearts are endless and our souls infinite. Ages are mere reminders of the hours logged on this earth and the precious time remaining."

"We should all honor our time here by indulging our passion and dreams. So, close your ears and open your hearts; Love and be happy!"

Smart is so good. How does he know that my "passion and dreams" consist of mocking in a free daily newspaper the throwaway tweets of a 24-year-old back-up dancer I've never met?

Forget the calendar — who wants to make me a



► Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart

Is Aniston preggers?

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly six months pregnant with boyfriend Justin Theroux's child, according to MTV UK — though the pregnancy is news even to friends. "She wouldn't have wanted to make a big deal but she must be so ex-

cited," a pal says. "If anyone ever asked if she was worried about running out of time, she'd reply, 'I'm absolutely having kids there's not one doubt in my mind.'"

Aniston has been spotted out at a pair of events

recently either bundled up around the middle or showing off a suspiciously swelled belly.

Speculation that the couple might be expecting began in October when they were spotted leaving a clinic together. ● METRO



► Jennifer Aniston

Pippa ain't having it with the paps

Pippa Middleton is reportedly sick and tired of the paparazzi attention that's become a regular part of her life since her sister, Kate, married Prince William, so her lawyers are taking action, according to Hollyscoop. Citing the "serious distress and anxiety" the

photographers' presence causes, Middleton's lawyers have sent cease-and-desist letters to the "nine or 10 agencies outside her door every day," threatening legal action if they don't ease off. As for publications, so far the Daily Mail is the only one to vow to stop using paparazzi images of Middleton. ● METRO



Celebrity tweets



Trimmed my leg hair after someone at gym suggested it, now getting mixed reactions. Leg hair - lose it or leave it?



@RyanSeacrest

@MissKellyO

i cant believe that just now im getting to bed i have not slept in over 30 hours! i cant complain because i love my job! night night!



@SandraBernhard

peter dinklage is a major actor i run into him at the post office in the village.



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If antihistamines are used to make meth, then it stands to reason that meth will help my chest cold.



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Carolyn O'Brien, registered dietitian for Dempster's, shares tips to cut down without cutting out your favourite foods

1. Eating breakfast jump-starts your metabolism and helps you reach your daily nutritional needs.

2. Eat six small meals a day, making sure to fuel up pre and post workout.

3. Look for smaller versions of your favourite foods. Love bagels? Try Dempster's Thin Bagels, which are less than half the calories of regular bagels.

4. Use smaller plates to avoid overeating.

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Roasted
Portobello
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► This recipe serves four.

Reimagining a staple of breakfast

► Eggs benedict ditches English muffin in favour of portobello mushroom

Preparation:

1 Rub portobello caps with oil and sprinkle with salt. Spread on baking sheet, cap side up, and roast in 400 F (200 C) oven 15 mins. or until tender.

2 Hollandaise Sauce: Melt butter in small saucepan over low heat. Place egg yolks, lemon juice and salt in blender, and blend for few seconds on High. Remove blender lid, and slowly pour in one third of melted butter. Replace lid and blend for a few seconds on high. Remove lid and pour in another third of melted butter; blend. Repeat with final

third of melted butter. Return to saucepan and keep warm. If sauce is too thick, add some hot water, a tablespoon (15 mL) at a time, while whisking constantly until desired consistency is reached. Taste and adjust lemon juice and salt.

3 Fill saucepan (9-inch/23 cm minimum) with 2 to 3 inches (5 to 7.5 cm) of water. Add vinegar. Bring to simmer over medium heat; reduce heat to low. Crack eggs one at a time into small dish, and gently slip them into barely simmering water. Cover pan and cook 4

minutes, until whites are cooked but yolks are still runny (you can test this by gently touching them—they should jiggle). Remove eggs with a slotted spoon, and drain on paper towels.

4 To assemble, place one mushroom cap on each of 4 plates. Top with a

poached egg, and a spoonful of hollandaise sauce. Garnish with chives, if desired. Serve immediately. **NEWS CANADA/ JENNIFER HILL OF FOOD-ESS.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Ingredients:

- 4 large portobello mushrooms, stemmed
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- Pinch salt

Hollandaise Sauce:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter

- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- Hot water, as needed
- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white vinegar
- Fresh chives, for garnish

► A simple poached egg makes for a relaxing start to a weekend ► Upgrade it with grapefruit

Florida Grapefruit Poached Eggs

Preparation:

1 Grapefruit Dice: In bowl, combine, grapefruit, parsley and hot pepper sauce. Stir until combined; set aside.

2 In saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic 4 mins. Add tomato puree, grapefruit juice, basil, salt and pepper; simmer for about 10 minutes or until reduced to about 1 cup (250 mL).

3 Poached Eggs: Meanwhile, fill saucepan about half full with water and bring to boil. Add grapefruit juice and salt; reduce to simmer. Crack egg into small cup and slide into water. Repeat with remaining eggs.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 mL) strained tomato puree (passata)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) Florida

- grapefruit juice
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh basil
- Pinch each salt, pepper

Grapefruit Dice:

- 1 Florida grapefruit, peeled and diced
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped

- fresh parsley
- Hot pepper sauce (to taste)

Poached Eggs:

- 1/4 cup (50 mL) Florida grapefruit juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 4 eggs



► This recipe serves four.

Cook eggs for about 3 minutes for a soft poach. Remove with slotted spoon to paper towel lined plate.

The anatomy of scotch



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Though he admits to never having tasted gasoline, I have a friend who imagines the closest thing to it he's had in his mouth is scotch.

I've tried to turn him around by explaining that to understand it, you need to know that there are three key Scottish varieties.

Blended scotch is a mix of malt and other grain whiskies, vatted versions are a union of just malt whiskies and single malts are the malty output of one distillery.

While most Scots say the real art is in the blending, it's been single malts (with unique characteristics influenced by their surroundings, water source and distiller's philosophy) that have made Scottish booze famous in North America.

With Robert Burns Day on the horizon, there's no better time for my buddy to hold on to his haggis and dive into a palate pounder like Laphroaig 10 Year Old (\$70.12 - \$84.99) from the island of Islay. It oozes iodine, peat, an attractively abrasive flavour that shouts 'Scotland' and the individuality that makes its malts so pleasantly polarizing. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



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4 Divide sauce among 4 plates and place poached egg in centre. Spoon grapefruit dice over top to serve. **NEWS CANADA/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

Hakuna Frittata, rapini style

► The frittata is a versatile dish that can be served up in a number of ways, including in a dinner sandwich

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I've always loved rapini cooked any way because of its slightly bitter and

mustardy flavour.

This versatile Rapini Frittata is spectacular when it's cut up into big slices and placed in crusty buns for a dinner sandwich.

You can also try the frittata topped with a little bit of pasta sauce.

Lastly, enjoy it hot or cold with a side salad or serve it up in little squares as an appetizer.

Preparation:

1 In a pot of boiling water cook rapini for about 6 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain well and using wooden spatula gently push down on rapini to remove even more water. Chop rapini coarsely.

2 In 8-inch (20 cm) non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium heat and cook garlic and pepper flakes for 1 minute or until fragrant. Add rapini and toss to coat; cook stirring for about 8 minutes or until beginning to brown and get crispy.

3 Meanwhile in bowl whisk together eggs, cheese, salt and

pepper. Pour into skillet stirring to combine with rapini. Cook lifting edge with rubber spatula letting runny egg go to the bottom until bottom is light golden and top is set. Place large plate over top of skillet and invert frittata back into skillet and cook for about 3 minutes or until golden. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOK-BOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT** EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

Ingredients:

- 1 bunch rapini, trimmed
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) hot pepper

flakes

- 6 eggs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- Pinch pepper



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Still no match for the best

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► DeAnthony Bowden, left, of the London Lightning, rises up against Joey Haywood of the Halifax Rainmen on Thursday night at the John Labatt Centre in London, Ont.

► London grabs 4-0 lead in season series with Halifax ► Rainmen play home games Saturday and Sunday



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Justin Johnson and Joey Haywood shot the lights out on Thursday, but it wasn't enough for the Halifax Rainmen.

For the fourth time in as many attempts this season, the Rainmen lost to the top team in the National Basketball League of Canada, falling 111-94 to the host London Lightning at John Labatt Centre in Ontario. Johnson nailed six straight three-pointers and teamed up with Haywood to go 16-for-24 from the field, including 8-for-10 from beyond the arc. But the rest of the team was a miserable 18-for-50 and the Rainmen missed almost half of their 28 free throws.

"We just weren't there mentally," Johnson said afterward. "They played hard tonight and we came in knowing we were playing a good team. We weren't satisfied with our play tonight and we just have to step it up."

Where the Rainmen failed from the free-throw line (15-for-28), the Lightning excelled, going 30-for-36 while shooting 50 per cent from the field.

The Rainmen fell behind 23-11 midway through the first quarter and trailed 50-43 going into halftime. They were only down five going into the fourth quar-

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- Sunday, Summerside at Halifax, 2 p.m.

ter but the Lightning took it to them over the final 12 minutes, stomping Halifax by a 32-20 margin.

"It was real disappointing," Johnson said. "As a team we have to play together, and we didn't do that in the fourth quarter. They got the crowd into it and they went off on us. Their post players were going at us and they hit open threes."

The six-foot-six Johnson finished with a team-high 22 points, while Haywood had 21.

The Rainmen, who host the Quebec Kebs on Saturday at 7 p.m., and the Summerside Storm on Sunday at 2 p.m., finish the season series with the Lightning at home on Jan. 27 and Feb. 19.

"Hopefully, we can get that win when we play them next," Johnson said.

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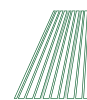
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'Can you say first-rounder?' Frk finds form

► With three months of concussed inactivity in the past, talented right-winger returns to point-per-game clip



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Martin Frk is suddenly starting to look like the Martin Frk the Halifax Mooseheads hoped for coming into this season.

The 18-year-old, now six weeks and 12 games into his comeback from a pre-season concussion, is starting to get his conditioning back and is coming off his best two games yet.

Halifax's top returning scorer from last season has collected six of his seven points in five games in 2012, including matching one-goal, one-assist outputs last weekend.

"He's just skating better, he's more involved, he's around the puck more, he's quicker in races, he's got more energy in battles," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "All of this just

Weekend games

The Mooseheads, sixth in the QMJHL at 26-14-4, host the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles (17-26-1) on Friday at 7 p.m. and visit the Saint John Sea Dogs (32-13-2) on Saturday at 7 p.m.

helps him get more time and space to use his skills."

The six-foot, 198-pound Czech is ranked 25th among North Americans for the 2012 NHL draft.

Frk's play in last Friday's 7-4 loss to the Chicoutimi Saguenéens prompted Sportsnet commentator Sam Cosentino to write, "Can you say first-rounder?" after calling the game on national TV.

"He's working really hard off the ice to get as fit as possible," Ducharme said. "He's getting there. He's an important player

for us and it's nice to see him come along like this."

While Frk is hitting his stride, Ducharme said his linemate, Nathan MacKinnon, is going through an adjustment period in the second half.

While six points in seven games would be headline news for any other 16-year-old, it's actually MacKinnon's least productive stretch of the season, albeit sandwiched around a shoulder injury and the world under-17 challenge.

Ducharme said MacKinnon's shoulder is 100 per cent.

"He's had some ups and downs," the coach said. "As we get closer to the playoffs, you have less space, and he's learning that it's a different game now than it was at the beginning of the season. He's going to adjust, just like he did in the early part of the season."



► Mooseheads right-winger Martin Frk races through traffic.

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Nadal advances to fourth round

Rafael Nadal moved into the fourth round of the Australian Open without dropping a set or showing any signs that a freak knee injury is bothering him.

Second-ranked Nadal had a 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 win Friday over Slovakia's Lukas Lacko, the last qualifier in the draw, and will next play either John Isner or Feliciano Lopez.

Nadal, who won the 2009 Australian title, but

has gone out in the quarter-finals due to injuries in the last two years, felt a crack and then sharp pain in his right knee while sitting in a chair at his hotel on the weekend and was concerned that he might not be able to contest his opening match.

Medical tests didn't show any serious damage, and he has had the knee heavily taped in his three matches since.

"The knee is fine ... fourth round here, and I have a good feeling," the 10-time major winner said.

Nadal is on the same half of the draw as Roger Federer at a major for the first time since 2005. Federer, who has won four of his 16 Grand Slam titles in Australia, was playing Ivo Karlovic in the following match at Rod Laver Arena.

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1 The Oklahoma City Thunder signed point guard Russell Westbrook to a contract extension, reportedly worth \$80 million US over five years.

2 Cleveland Indians pitcher Fausto Carmona has been arrested for allegedly using a false identity in the Dominican Republic, where officials are contesting his real name and birthdate. A police spokesman said Carmona's real name is apparently Roberto Hernandez Heredia.

3 Andy Roddick's bid to win another Grand Slam singles title nearly a decade after his first hit a roadblock Thursday when a hamstring injury forced him out of the Australian Open. The former No. 1 was trailing Lleyton Hewitt 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the time he retired.

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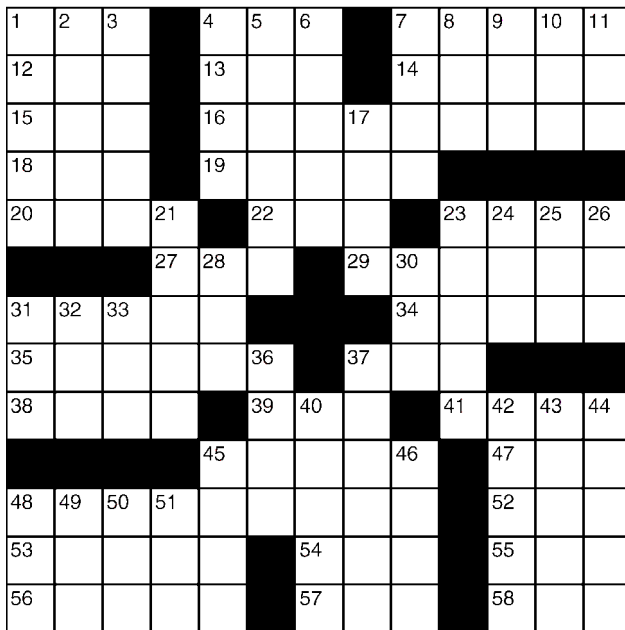
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Across

1 Voters' mo.
4 "Awesome!"
7 First-aid wrapper
12 "The Greatest"
13 Leading lady?
14 Shriveled
15 Altar affirmative
16 Wagnerian riders
18 Not feel well
19 Laundry woe
20 Out of play
22 Sailor's agreement
23 Advantage
27 Corn spike
29 Tranquilizer name
31 In any way possible
34 African language
35 Dale
37 Chap
38 Ova
39 Portion of N.A.
41 Color crudely
45 Foot soldier
47 Code of life
48 February mailing
52 Lubricate
53 Sports venue
54 Earl Grey, e.g.
55 Caviar base
56 Trapshooting
57 Mess up
58 Football position

Down

1 Water nymph
2 Black-and-white film, e.g.
3 String instrument
4 Guns the engine
5 James Cameron movie
6 Hold up



7 Charles II's mistress Nell
8 Melody
9 Submachine gun
10 Last letter
11 Halves of ems
17 Chicken —
21 — of the Wisconsin
23 Serengeti critter
24 Cacophony
25 Stomach
26 Flightless bird
28 Hearty quaff
30 Lawyers' org.
31 "Hail!"

32 Playground game
33 Math course
36 Domed tent
37 Bearing
40 Hotel accommodation
42 Worship
43 Civil War side
44 Bundled hay
45 Summertime pest
46 Rip
48 Anatomical duct
49 Biblical boat
50 Shelter
51 Away from WSW

► Yesterday's answer



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♈ Aries March 21-April 20

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

With the Sun crossing the career angle of your chart, you must not get upset about things that require a practical approach.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You may not have been at your best of late but very soon you will look and feel like a million dollars.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

If you have been living beyond your means in recent weeks, you will have to tighten your belt now.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You will make a lot of friends over the next few days, and most likely you will make one or two enemies.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

You need to tighten up your working routine. You have wasted a lot of time on activities that are of no real importance.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

The Sun's move into your fellow Air sign of Aquarius means the next four weeks should be truly special.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Make allowances for loved ones and relatives who don't share your level of self-control.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

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♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

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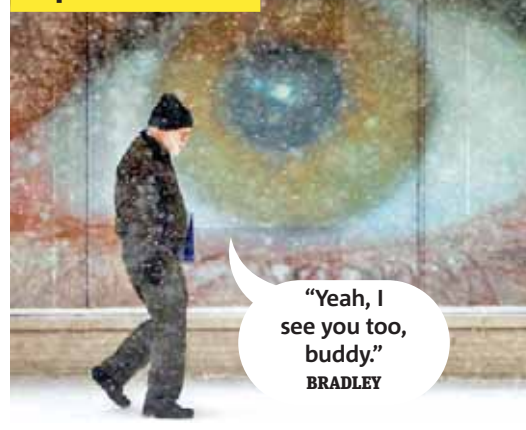
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Your very own new year begins today as the Sun moves into your sign. You should be making plans — and acting on them.

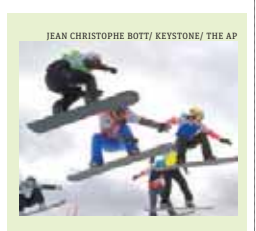
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

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*The Hyundai names, logos, product names, feature names, images and slogans are trademarks owned by Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. †Finance offers available O.A.C. from Hyundai Financial Services based on a new 2012 Santa Fe GL 2.4 6-Speed/2012 Elantra L 6-Speed/2012 Sonata GL 6-Speed/2012 Tucson L 5-Speed with an annual finance rate of 0%/2.65%/1.29%/1.29% for 84/72/84/84 months. Bi-weekly payment is \$142/\$121/\$140/\$126. No down payment is required. Cost of Borrowing is \$0/\$1.42/\$1.42/\$1.42. Finance offers include Delivery and Destination of \$1,780/\$1,495/\$1,565/\$1,780. Registration, Insurance, PPSA, fees, taxes, charges, license fees and all applicable taxes are excluded. Delivery and destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. Financing example: 2012 Elantra L 6-Speed for 72 months for a total obligation of \$18,788. Cash price is \$17,344. Cost of Borrowing is \$1,424. Example price includes Delivery and Destination of \$1,495, fees, taxes, charges and all applicable taxes. Registration, Insurance, PPSA and license fees are excluded. 0% payments for up to 90 days (payment deferral) is available on all new in-stock 2011 or 2012 Hyundai models except Equus and Veloster and only applies to purchase finance offers on approved credit. If payment deferral is selected the original term of the contract will be extended by 2-months/56-days for monthly/bi-weekly finance contracts. Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. will pay the interest of the deferral for the first 2-months/56-days of the monthly/bi-weekly finance contract. After the period interest will start to accrue and the purchaser will pay the principal and interest monthly/bi-weekly over the remaining term of the contract. *Fuel consumption for 2012 Santa Fe GL 2.4 6-Speed Manual FWD (Hwy 7.7L/100KM, City 11.0L/100KM/2012 Elantra L 6-Speed (Hwy 4.9L/100KM, City 8.7L/100KM/2012 Sonata GL 6-Speed (Hwy 5.7L/100KM, City 8.7L/100KM/2012 Tucson L (Hwy 7.4L/100KM, City 10.1L/100KM) are based on Manufacturer's testing. Actual fuel efficiency may vary based on driving conditions and the addition of certain vehicle accessories. Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. †TODays available for a limited time, and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details. Dealer may sell for less. Inventory is limited. Dealer order may be required. Based on the December 2011 ADAC report. †Government 5-Star Safety Ratings are part of the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) New Car Assessment Program (www.SafetyCar.gov). †Hyundai's Comprehensive Limited Warranty coverage covers most vehicle components against defects in workmanship under normal use and maintenance conditions.